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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Gregory G Todd

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-7,15,18-21,29 and 32-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4-7,15,18-21,29 and 32-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This is a second office action in response to applicant's amendment filed, 11 December 2003, of application filed, with the above serial number, on 23 May 2000 in which claims 1, 15, and 29 have been amended and claims 2-3, 8-14, 16-17, 22-28, 30-31, and 36-42 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4-7, 15, 18-21, 29, and 32-35 are therefore pending in the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 4-7, 15, 18-21, 29, and 32-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hayes, Jr. (hereinafter "Hayes", 6,205,476).

3. As per Claim 1, 15, and 29, Hayes discloses an access system, a method of operating an access system, and a software product for providing access, including an access server to provide access between a user system and a plurality of communication networks that provide services to a user, wherein Hayes discloses:

in the access server, determining if a user associated with a network device is recognized (user ID and password verification) (at least col. 7, lines 17-35);

if the user is recognized, retrieving a network shell for the user from a user access profile for the user from an access database wherein the network shell is customized for the user (user profile based desktop preferences and permissions) (at least col. 1, lines 58-67);

selecting an alias selection from a graphically presented network shell (selecting application by user) (at least col. 2, lines 1-29);

transmitting a packet including the alias selection to an access server from a network device (determining availability of application selected by user) (at least col. 2, lines 1-29);

receiving an alias selection from the user into the access server for the network shell that includes alias selections associated with actions (determining availability of application selected by user) (at least col. 2, lines 1-29); and

in the access server, processing the alias selection to execute an action associated with the alias selection (determining availability of application selected by user) (at least col. 2, lines 1-29).

4. As per Claims 4, 18, 32.

further comprising scanning for the alias selection (determining existence of application selected by user) (at least col. 2, lines 1-29).

5. As per Claims 5, 19, 33.

wherein the action comprises a program (application) (at least col. 2, lines 1-29).

6. As per Claims 6, 20, 34.
wherein the action comprises a macro (at least col. 2 line 1 - col. 3 line 58).
7. As per Claims 7, 21, 35.
wherein the action comprises a service (at least col. 2 line 1 - col. 3 line 58).

Response to Arguments

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 15, and 29 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Newly cited Brandt et al, Dircks et al, Barlock et al, Dutcher et al, and Bertram et al in addition to previously cited Nolan, Lim et al, Brown et al, Barillaud, Kavner, and Shannon are cited for disclosing pertinent information related to the claimed invention. Applicants are requested to consider the prior art reference for relevant teachings when responding to this office action.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory G Todd whose telephone number is (703)305-5343. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00am-6:00pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (703)308-7562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

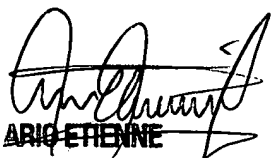
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